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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a small telephone and internet provider that gives me a lower price, faster and better service, and much better customer service. The only reason I have the choice is because of competition. The FCC must not do anything that reduces competition. That will only raise the cost for everyone.

Broadband internet service is important for my family and business and while we can get it in an urban area we cannot get broadband in a rural area where we have a cabin. No cellular service reaches there so only dial-up internet is available and it is painfully slow and too slow to do anything worthwhile. It is even hard to find a modem that works with newer computers.

Maintaining or increasing competition in all forms of telecommunications, land lines, cellular service, and broadband is very important to me and everyone I know.

I oppose the USTelecom, petition to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

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